

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 2, 2005. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection set forth in the Office Action are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-14 and 16-32 are pending. Claims 2 and 15 have been canceled herein, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 1, 5, 6, 11, 14, 18-22, 24 and 27-32 have been amended. Support for the claim changes can be found in the original disclosure, and therefore no new matter has been added. Claims 1, 14 and 27-32 are in independent form.

Claims 1-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,510,411 (*Norton et al.*). In response to the rejection, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks.

Independent Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, selection means for selecting input form information corresponding to a speech recognition result of a speech recognition means, and display control means for controlling a display pattern of an input form corresponding to the input form information selected by the selection means. Each of independent Claims 14 and 27-32 recites, *inter alia*, similar or identical features.

According to the invention as set forth in Claim 1, a user is enabled to select or input one of a plurality of input forms displayed on a computer display by inputting speech, which is recognized by the apparatus, without the user having to employ an input device such as a pointing device or a keyboard. Thus, the apparatus can serve as a voice

browser, which permits browsing by means of voice input.

As an example of the controlling of the display pattern by the display control means, the display pattern of the selected input form may be changed so as to be distinguished from other non-selected input forms by, e.g., flashing the selected input form (e.g., changing the color of the selected form for a predetermined period of time), or the like.

The user can easily recognize the selected input form and execute an input operation for the selected input form.

Norton et al. relates to a task oriented dialog model and manager. The Office Action cites col. 5, lines 16-51 and Fig. 5 of *Norton et al.* as teaching the claimed display control means. However, col. 5, lines 16-51 merely mention speech recognition and prompting the user for information. In addition, Fig. 5 and its description (col. 28, lines 51-67) merely show a screen shot of a user interface having plural controls (toolbar, buttons, etc.) The display pattern in the user interface is not controlled (e.g., varied) according to information selected on the basis of a speech input.

Applicants submit that nothing in *Norton et al.* would teach or suggest at least selecting input form information corresponding to a speech recognition result, and controlling a display pattern of an input form corresponding to the selected input form information.

Since *Norton et al.* does not contain all of the elements of independent Claim 1, that claim is believed allowable over the cited art. Since each of the other independent claims recites, *inter alia*, features similar or identical to the above-noted

features of Claim 1, those claims are also believed allowable over the cited art.

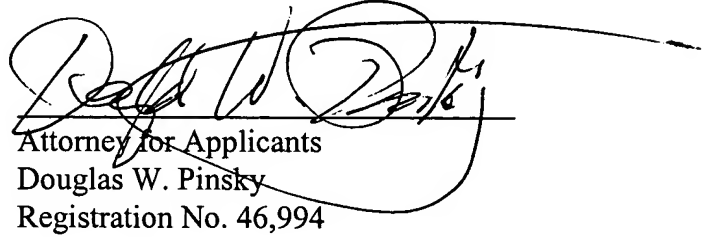
A review of the other art of record has failed to reveal anything which, in Applicant's opinion, would remedy the deficiencies of the art discussed above, as a reference against the independent claims herein. Those claims are therefore believed patentable over the art of record.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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